

MINUTES
MANSFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 27, 2014
Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members present: McGuire, Ferrigno, Bresnahan
Staff Present: Matt Hart, Town Manager; Linda Painter, Director of Planning and Development;
Jennifer Kaufman, Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. by Ferrigno.

Public Comment

- No public comment was received.

Approval of Minutes

- January 29, 2014 – No action was taken on the minutes due to a lack of quorum.

Old Business

1. **Water Supply EIE.** Bresnahan noted that the General Assembly is currently considering legislation related to development of a statewide water plan, including potential funding for regional water and sewer projects.
2. **Mansfield Tomorrow.** Painter gave an overview of the review process for the draft Mansfield Tomorrow Plan and noted that comments on the draft Mansfield Tomorrow Plan need to be finalized at the March meeting. Members provided initial comments based on what they had read to date; this item will be a focus of discussion at the March meeting.
3. **Developing an EDC Work Plan.** McGuire updated members on progress related to the business visitation program; including coordination with the Mansfield Downtown Partnership. Hart and Bresnahan provided an overview of the regional EDC meeting concept they are developing. Painter noted that Coventry is inviting area EDCs to a forum related to UCONN Tech Park development in April.
4. **Economic Development Budget/Resources.** Painter and Hart updated the Commission on the status of a budget for economic development efforts. Hart noted that the proposed economic development budget will be a program independent from the Planning Department budget.

New Business

5. **Next Meeting/Agenda Items.** The next meeting is scheduled for March 20th; Mansfield Tomorrow will be a focus of the discussion.

Reports

- **Business Activity.** Painter and Hart updated the Commission on recent business activity including the opening of GBS Threading and Spa at Storrs Center.
- **Chamber of Commerce/MBPA.** Hart noted that Commission may want to think about potential businesses to nominate for business of the year.
- **Other.** Bresnahan noted that Windham is applying for a place making grant for an arts and entertainment center.

Ferrigno adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Painter, AICP
Director of Planning and Development